

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) In combination:

an elevated box truss extending over a roadway and having opposite ends secured to upstanding supports;

said box truss being comprised of a plurality of box truss sections secured to one another in an end-to-end relationship;

at least one of said box truss sections adapted to have a messaging sign mounted therein;

all of said box truss sections, except the said one box truss section, comprising horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper tubes and horizontally spaced-apart first and second lower tubes, first truss members interconnecting said first and second upper tubes, second truss members interconnecting said first and second lower tube members, third truss members interconnecting said second upper tube and said second lower tube, and fourth truss members interconnecting said first upper tube and said first lower tube;

said one box truss section comprising horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper tubes, horizontally spaced-apart first and second lower tubes, first truss members interconnecting said first and second upper tubes, second truss members interconnecting said first and second lower tubes, and third truss members interconnecting said second upper tube and said second lower tube;

a messaging sign mounted in said one box truss section;

1 said messaging sign having a front side, a back side, an upper end, a lower end, and
opposite sides;

said messaging sign being positioned between said first upper tube, said first lower
tube, said first truss members, said second truss members, and said third truss
5 members so that oncoming motorists may observe messages on said front side
thereof.

2. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein said messaging sign
comprises a Variable Messaging Sign.

10 3. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein said messaging sign
comprises a Digital Messaging Sign.

4. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein said messaging sign
comprises a Variable Messaging Sign and a Digital Messaging Sign.

15 5. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein said messaging sign is
selectively horizontally adjustably mounted on said one box truss section to enable
said one box truss section to accommodate signs having varying depths.

6. (Cancelled)

20 7. (Currently Amended) The combination of ~~claim 6~~ claim 23 wherein sign
supports are selectively adjustably secured to said first and second supports; said sign
supports being secured to said messaging sign.

8. (Original) The combination of claim 7 wherein said sign supports are
secured to said back side of said messaging sign.

1 9. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein said one truss section has a
walkway mounted therein which is positioned at said back side of said sign.

 10. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein said truss sections have a
walkway provided therein.

5 11. (Cancelled)

 12. (Original) In combination with a messaging sign having a front side, a back
side, an upper end, a lower end, and opposite ends, comprising:

an elevated box truss extending over a roadway and having opposite ends secured to
upstanding supports;

10 said box truss being comprised of a plurality of box truss sections secured to one
another in an end-to-end relationship;

at least one of said box truss sections adapted to have the messaging sign mounted
thereon;

15 all of said box truss sections, except said one box truss section, comprising
horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper tubes and horizontally spaced-
apart first and second lower tubes, first truss members interconnecting said first
and second upper tubes, second truss members interconnecting said first and
20 second lower tube members; third truss members interconnecting said second
upper tube and said second lower tube, and fourth truss members
interconnecting said first upper tube and said first lower tube;

25 said one box truss section comprising horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper
tubes, horizontally spaced-apart first and second lower tubes, first truss

1 members interconnecting said first and second upper tubes, second truss
members interconnecting said first and second lower tubes, and third truss
members interconnecting said second upper tube and said second lower tube;
said messaging sign adapted to be positioned between said first upper tube, said first
5 lower tube, said first truss members, said second truss members, and said third
truss members so that oncoming motorists may observe messages on said
front side thereof.

10 13. (Original) The combination of claim 12 wherein the messaging sign
comprises a Variable Messaging Sign.

14. (Original) The combination of claim 12 wherein the messaging sign
comprises a Digital Messaging Sign.

15 15. (Original) The combination of claim 12 wherein the messaging sign
comprises a Variable Messaging Sign and a Digital Messaging Sign.

16. (Original) The combination of claim 12 wherein the messaging sign is
selectively horizontally adjustably mounted on said one box truss section to enable
said one box truss section to accommodate signs having varying depths.

17. (Cancelled)

20 18. (Currently Amended) The combination of ~~claim 17~~ claim 25 wherein sign
supports are selectively adjustably secured to said first and second supports; said sign
supports being secured to said messaging sign.

25 19. (Original) The combination of claim 18 wherein said sign supports are
secured to said back side of said messaging sign.

1 20. (Original) The combination of claim 12 wherein said one truss section has
a walkway mounted therein which is positioned at said back side of the sign.

 21. (Original) The combination of claim 12 wherein said truss sections have a
walkway provided therein.

5 22. (Cancelled)

 23. (New) In combination:
an elevated box truss extending over a roadway and having opposite ends secured to
upstanding supports;

10 said box truss being comprised of a plurality of box truss sections secured to one
another in an end-to-end relationship;

at least one of said box truss sections adapted to have a messaging sign mounted
therein;

15 all of said box truss sections, except the said one box truss section, comprising
horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper tubes and horizontally spaced-
apart first and second lower tubes, first truss members interconnecting said first
and second upper tubes, second truss members interconnecting said first and
second lower tube members, third truss members interconnecting said second
20 upper tube and said second lower tube, and fourth truss members
interconnecting said first upper tube and said first lower tube;

25 said one box truss section comprising horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper
tubes, horizontally spaced-apart first and second lower tubes, first truss
members interconnecting said first and second upper tubes, second truss

1 members interconnecting said first and second lower tubes, and third truss
members interconnecting said second upper tube and said second lower tube;
a messaging sign mounted in said one box truss section;
said messaging sign having a front side, a back side, an upper end, a lower end, and
5 opposite sides;
said messaging sign being positioned between said first upper tube, said first lower
tube, said first truss members, said second truss members, and said third truss
members so that oncoming motorists may observe messages on said front side
10 thereof;
a plurality of horizontally spaced-apart first supports secured to and extending
between said first and second upper tubes;
and a plurality of horizontally spaced-apart second supports secured to and extending
between said first and second lower tubes;
15 said sign being selectively adjustably secured to said first and second supports.

24. (New) In combination:

an elevated box truss extending over a roadway and having opposite ends secured to
upstanding supports;
20 said box truss being comprised of a plurality of box truss sections secured to one
another in an end-to-end relationship;
at least one of said box truss sections adapted to have a messaging sign mounted
therein;

1 all of said box truss sections, except the said one box truss section, comprising
horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper tubes and horizontally spaced-
apart first and second lower tubes, first truss members interconnecting said first
and second upper tubes, second truss members interconnecting said first and
5 second lower tube members, third truss members interconnecting said second
upper tube and said second lower tube, and fourth truss members
interconnecting said first upper tube and said first lower tube;

10 said one box truss section comprising horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper
tubes, horizontally spaced-apart first and second lower tubes, first truss
members interconnecting said first and second upper tubes, second truss
members interconnecting said first and second lower tubes, and third truss
members interconnecting said second upper tube and said second lower tube;

15 a messaging sign mounted in said one box truss section;

said messaging sign having a front side, a back side, an upper end, a lower end, and
opposite sides;

20 said messaging sign being positioned between said first upper tube, said first lower
tube, said first truss members, said second truss members, and said third truss
members so that oncoming motorists may observe messages on said front side
thereof;

said messaging sign having a majority of its depth, between said front and back side,
positioned within said one truss section.

1 25. (New) In combination with a messaging sign having a front side, a back
side, an upper end, a lower end, and opposite ends, comprising:
an elevated box truss extending over a roadway and having opposite ends secured to
upstanding supports;
5 said box truss being comprised of a plurality of box truss sections secured to one
another in an end-to-end relationship;
at least one of said box truss sections adapted to have the messaging sign mounted
thereon;
10 all of said box truss sections, except said one box truss section, comprising
horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper tubes and horizontally spaced-
apart first and second lower tubes, first truss members interconnecting said first
and second upper tubes, second truss members interconnecting said first and
second lower tube members; third truss members interconnecting said second
15 upper tube and said second lower tube, and fourth truss members
interconnecting said first upper tube and said first lower tube;
said one box truss section comprising horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper
tubes, horizontally spaced-apart first and second lower tubes, first truss
20 members interconnecting said first and second upper tubes, second truss
members interconnecting said first and second lower tubes, and third truss
members interconnecting said second upper tube and said second lower tube;
said messaging sign adapted to be positioned between said first upper tube, said first
lower tube, said first truss members, said second truss members, and said third
25

1 truss members so that oncoming motorists may observe messages on said front side thereof;

a plurality of horizontally spaced-apart first supports secured to and extending between said first and second upper tubes;

5 and a plurality of horizontally spaced second supports secured to and extending between said first and second lower tubes;

said sign being selectively longitudinally adjustably secured to said first and second supports.

10 26. (New) In combination with a messaging sign having a front side, a back side, an upper end, a lower end, and opposite ends, comprising:

an elevated box truss extending over a roadway and having opposite ends secured to upstanding supports;

15 said box truss being comprised of a plurality of box truss sections secured to one another in an end-to-end relationship;

at least one of said box truss sections adapted to have the messaging sign mounted thereon;

20 all of said box truss sections, except said one box truss section, comprising horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper tubes and horizontally spaced-apart first and second lower tubes, first truss members interconnecting said first and second upper tubes, second truss members interconnecting said first and second lower tube members; third truss members interconnecting said second

1 upper tube and said second lower tube, and fourth truss members
interconnecting said first upper tube and said first lower tube;

5 said one box truss section comprising horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper
tubes, horizontally spaced-apart first and second lower tubes, first truss
members interconnecting said first and second upper tubes, second truss
members interconnecting said first and second lower tubes, and third truss
members interconnecting said second upper tube and said second lower tube;

10 said messaging sign adapted to be positioned between said first upper tube, said first
lower tube, said first truss members, said second truss members, and said third
truss members so that oncoming motorists may observe messages on said
front side thereof;

15 said messaging sign having a majority of its depth, between the front side and back
side thereof, positioned within the said one box truss section.

20

25